HOODED VIGILANTES FIGHT WITH OIL FIELD WORKERS: CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED

Thinks One Faction is Composed of Ku Klux Klansmen

Trouble Is Started When "Law and Order" Advocates Tar and Feather Man-Armed Resistance Resulting.

Monroe, La., Nov. 29 .- A number of men were wounded and several are reported dying following the battle workers near Smackover, Ark., last night, according to a long distance telephone message received from El-dorado by authorities here this morn-

Before leaving for the scene of the battle with a posse of deputies, Sheriff Ed. Harper said he was without accurate information as to the number of casualties in the engagement between the 200 hooded vigilantes and oil field workers and gamblers.

I understand the invaders who visited towns along Smackover creek after parading in the town of Smackover last night were members of the Ku Klux Klan," said the sheriff. They were, at least, hooded and wore Their purpose, I sure, was not to precipitate a battle but to clean up the oil field region."

Armed Resistance. The battle in reality occurred what is known as Patagonia and after they paraded in Smackover they started to several oil field villages in the Patagonia region and were met with armed resistance. That part of the oil fields is a wooded country and the battle was fought from behind trees and rocks and there are perhaps many dead, but all reports by me are that no one was killed.

Persons reaching Elorado, Ark.

from the Texas Smackover creek gion said there were no fatalities among the vigilantes, but a number of the oil field men were wounded. They reported the buttle was preci-pitated by the tarring and feathering

LONG IS. PEOPLE LOOT STRANDED BOOZE SHIP

They Robbed Wrecked Whiskey Yacht

Port Jefferson, N. Y., Nov. 29,-Residents of this and near Long Island towns have well stocked cellars today, federal prohibition officials charge, as the result of the wreck near here of the power yacht Virginia which went on the rocks with a heavy cargo of whiskey aboard.

vessel was stranded early yes terday, but prohibition officials did not hear of it until today when a dry navy boat was despatched to the scene Only three cases of whiskey were found aboard.

Virginia of a valuable liquor cargo treat crippled children from all parts opens in a few days.

300 WORDS ENOUGH

Educator Says Ditch Digger Can Get Along With That Number - Bustnessmen May Need 3,000 Words.

Salem, Ore., Nov. 29. - Teachers should have a vocabulary of between 1,500 and 4,000 words. The professional man should have from 1,500 to 3,000 words while the ditch digger may get along with 300 words. was told to a teachers institute here by Dr. Carl G. Donney, president of Williamette university. Dr. Donney

said slang was not necessary.
"Differing from me, however," he added, "are many scholars who insist that slang is the life of a language."

HELD FOR MAN'S DEATH.

Waterbury, Nov. 29 .- John Jakstas of this city was taken into custody this afternoon on a coroner's warrant as the result of the death in a hospital at 6:30 a. m. today of Joseph Raggish. It is alleged that Raggish and Jakstas engaged in a wrestling match over the sum of \$20 last Saturday night, in a cafe at 324 Bank street, Raggish sustaining the injuries that proved fatal. Jakstas was arrested for assault Saturday night after Raggish had been removed to the hospital and was later released on bonds of \$200. At the present time he is held without bonds pending the outcome of the coroner's investiga-

NO REFERENCE TO LIQUOR.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The house eliminated from the shipping bill today the Edmonds amendment relating to the sale of liquor on American the upsetting of his automobile on the sale of liquor on American the upsetting of his automobile on the state road near here last night, measure all reference to liquor carrydict today in the W. W. Backus hospital at Norwich of a fractured skull.

Louisiana Sheriff, Starting DETROIT'S MAYOR IS For Scene of Battle, APPOINTED SENATOR

Couzens Succeeds Newberry Without Single String Attached

GIVES OR ASKS

Governor, in Making Appointments Calls Attention to His Record-Will Probably Be Candidate for Election in 1921.

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 29.-Mayor James Couzens of Detroit today was appointed by Governor Groesbeck as U. S. Schator from Michigan to fill the unexpired term of former Senator Truman H. Newberry, who resigned recently.

Mayor Couzens has accepted the appointment, the governor announced.

The notification of his appointment has been forwarded to Mr. Couzens, is in New York to spend who Thanksgiving Day with his daughter, a college student.

The governor announced that Mr. Couzens, who has gained nation-wide prominence through his municipal rallway venture, in Detroit, will take his seat in the senate as soon as his Detroit affairs could be arranged. No Promises Exacted.

"Mr. Couzens becomes sonator with not a single string attached," the governor said. "He made no promises, l exacted none

"If municipal ownership of treet railways is a good thing for De-troit under Mr. Couzens' direction it should be a good thing under any other able man. I consider the ob-jection that Mr. Couzens is too valuable a man for Detroit to lose at this time is a strong reason why his usefulness as a public servant should be extended to include all Michigan." Mr. Couzens, it is generally accept- LOCAL YOUNG MAN

ed here, will be a candidate for the senate for the full term in 1924. Is 50 Years Old.

Mayor Couzens was born in Chat-ham, Ontario, 50 years ago. Reputed to have a fortune of many millions, he started his career as a "newsie" on a passenger train. In 1903 he took a position as bookkeeper in the Ford automobile plant. When he severed his connection with the Ford company in 1915 he was vice-president and treasurer.

His first public office was that of and his re-election last year was by belonging to William J. McKenna of 30,000 votes, the largest majority 74 Belden street this city. ever given a mayoralty candidate

Prohibition Officers Claim A proposal sponsored by the mayor are under way for an officer from the for the purchase of the Detroit Unit, local department to go to the New Mrs. Inga Nelson Spends Most of Her of the voters to build a municipal system and after this was well under way, he negotiated the purchase of of extradition papers, it is said. the privately owned system and consolidated it with the new city lines, after the voters had authorized the street, on November 11. Moreau is day today at the home of her daughmove. The consolidation went into effect in May, 1922, and Detroit be-

> own traction system. Is a Free Giver. Mr. Couzens won the reputation of free giver through numerous gifts to the city's institutions. The com-

No Comment To Make. New York, Nov. 29 .- Mayor James Couzens of Detroit, appointed sena tor from Michigan today to succeed Truman H. Newberry, said he thought it best to refrain from making any statement until he had been officially

"I am of course happy over my appointment," he added. The mayor arrived here today to pass Thanksgiving with his daughter.

\$50,000 FIRE LOSS TODAY

Garage and Three Cars Destroyed At Ex-Senator Agnew's Home Near Ridgefield Early This Morning.

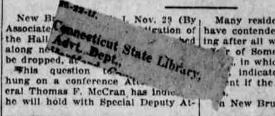
Ridgefield, Nov. 29 .- Fire early to day destroyed the garage at the summer home of George B. Agnew former New York state senator, at South Salem, N. Y., just across the state line. . Three automobiles in the garage, which had chauffeurs quarters or the second floor, were burned. The lost was placed at \$50,000,

The caretaker was the only person at the summer home. He reported the door of the garage blown open and the interior in flames. Fire apparatus

CAR OVERTURNS, MAN DIES. Baltic, Nov. 29.-Leonard Coady,

MRS. HALL DESIRES MURDER PROBE CONTINUED UNTIL GUILTY IS FOUND

Lawyer For Miss Mills Not Surprised When Grand Jury



n New Brunswick however, there



ASST. ATTY. GEN. W. A. MOTT.

torney General Wilbur A. Mott, who yesterday failed to obtain from the somerset county grand jury in Somerville, indictment of three persons whom the state indicated it believed responsible for the shooting of Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor

Mott Is Undecided Detectives and state troopers indicated today that they were without Mr. Mott after the jury orders. filed out, deciding to lay the matter over, expressed himself as being in state of suspended animation.

HELD AS AUTO THIEF

Paul Moreau, and Raymond Foote of He said he sincerely here thorities would continue New Haven, Under Arrest at Metuchen, N. J.

Paul Moreau of 323 West Main street, this city, and Raymond Foote, of 296 Alden street, New Haven, are police commissioner in 1916. He was under arrest at Metuchen, N. J., on first elected mayor of Detroit in 1918, a charge of theft of an automobile PEARL ST. WOMAN IS under arrest at Metuchen, N. J., on

The local police were today notified of the arrest, and arrangements ed Railway lines lost by a few votes Jersey town to bring the prisoners in 1919. He then obtained authority back here for trial. Both young men have expressed themselves as satisfied to return here without the formality

known to the local police, having ter, Mrs. John Chison, been fined in the local police court on Mrs. Nelson spends most of her time Washington street. The Scheyd car a newspaper, was located in the town of Newington Sweden was

WAR ON SPEED FIENDS

Men to Enforce Regulations Re- many friends. garding Reckless Driving.

Chief William C. Hart today issued a warning to autoists who persist in racing through the city at an excesrate of speed, that unless stop the practice prosecutions will fol-low. Of late a number of complaints have been registered at the police station that drivers of automobiles are not obeying the traffic laws in regard speeding and the rules quiring machines to slow down at intersecting streets, and on approaching school buildings.

The motorcycle policemen and the traffic policemen have received special orders from Chief Hart to insist that laws regarding the operation of automobiles be strictly adhered to.

STILL EXPLODES, 3 DEAD

six Others Injured in Explosion of Distilling Outfit in Stable At Phil-

rom this town and Katonah, Mount Risco and Ledford Hills, N. Y., went to the scene. The firemen were unable to check the garage fire, but prevented the flames from reaching the Agnew summer home, which was scorched by the heat.

The cause of the fire was unknown.

The cause of the fire axion that obtained in California can be stitled to cause them that obtained in California can be shere from Foint Barrow to Japan.

The cause of the fire was unknown.

The plant dead as a result of the explosion of a 100 gallon still in a stable here last obtained in California can be should from Point Barrow to Japa

and broke window glass in many of the nearby houses. A partially loaded motor truck was standing in the

Fails to Return An Indictment-Prosecutors in Conference

> Nov. 29 (By Many residents of Somerville, was not half as much the ing after all was not half as much the somerset county as of Midof Somerset county as of Midindicated that they would be



JURY FOREMAN GIBB.

was evident a strong disinclination to permit the caes to fall into the class of unsolved crimes.

May Push Case Further.

Persons who wish the investigation continued pointed hopefully to the fact that Mrs. Jane Gibson, hailed by the state as its star witness, still was under close observation at farm. This, they speculated, indi-cated that the inquiry was to be pushed further.

The only expression coming from the home of Mrs. Frances Noel Hall, widow of the slain rector, was uttered by her lawyer, Timothy N. Pseiffer.

for the guilty.
Florence North, attorne; lotte Mills, daughter of choir singer, contributed a cryp mark that refusal of the grand jury to return an indictment was no prise to her.

91 YEARS OLD TODAY

Time Knitting and Reads

Newspapers.

Mrs. Inga Nelson of 55 Pearl street, The automobile belonging to Mc-one of the oldest Swedish residents in Kenna was stolen on South Main the city, is observing her 91st birth-

came the largest city operating its September 2 for the theft of an auto- knitting, being able to do this withmobile belonging to August J. Scheyd, out the aid of her glasses. She rarefrom in front of the Elks' club on ly wears glasses unless she is reading

Sweden was Mrs. Nelson's birth- SOCCOLI IS AGAIN after the owner had recognized it place but she has been in this counmunity fund receives from him an- standing alongside the road, as he was try for more than 20 years. Her nually \$100,000. He has established passing on a train to Hartford. Mo- husband died some time before she numerous homes and settlement reau appealed from a fine of \$100 and left Sweden. Mrs. Nelson has five houses. His largest gift was early costs imposed in the local court, and children in New Britain. Gustave, reau appealed from a fine of \$100 and left Sweden. Mrs. Nelson has five Federal agents charge that residents of nearby towns looted the to a children's hospital which is to docket of the superior court which Lindgren and Mrs. Charles Johnson.

Another son recently died in Sweden. Mrs. Nelson is a regular attendant at the Swedish Bethany church and an active member of the Ladies' Aid society of that church. She rarely misses a service of the church. She A. M. Paonessa's office yesterday aft-Chief of Police Hart Instructs His goes out nearly every day, visiting

BURCH JURY OUT

No Decision Yet as to Guilt of Man Accused of Slaying J. Belton Kennedy in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Nov. 29 .- The jury that heard the third trial of Arthur C. Burch for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, broker, taking the case at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, still was out today.

When it retired at 10 o'clock last night courtroom rumors were that its ballots had varied from nine to three

Two Lakes of Oil Found

Scattle, Nov. 29.—Discoverey of proper brakes. Both were fined. The to stay meant death to them all. two lakes of oil near Point Barrow, offense was the second for Soccoll.

Alaska, has been reported by Alexan-Mrs. Muter purposed to meet P. S. The teacher began lowering Alaska, has been reported by Alexander Malcolm Smith an explorer of Arc- McMahon yesterday at Central park, children but the flame entered

THE WEATHER

Hartford, Nov. 29.—Forceast for New Britain and vicinity: Fair and not so cold tonight; overcast and warmer.

ENGLAND WILL NOT SCRAP ANY MORE BATTLESHIPS UNTIL OTHERS DO SAME

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IS GIVEN CLERGYMAN

ent if the case were allowed to Bible Class Officials Stand Squarely Behind Rev. John L. Davis

> Resolutions of confidence in Rev. John L. Davis, and regret for publiday morning session of Everyman's Bible class, were adopted at a meeting of the executive committee in the Y. M. C. A. last evening.

The committee met at 6:30 o'clock for an oyster supper, which was served by Dr. J. E. Conger and S. M.

Davis, and that in the opinion of the the fixin's. members of the executive committee, the article appearing in the New Brit-ain Herald was unwarranted and un-justified and is greatly regretted by the committee."

The First, South and Stanley Me-morial Congregational churches will join with the People's, the Trinity Methodist and the First Baptist churches in a community Thanksgiv-

er and Charles J. Symonds were as- preacher. signed to assist him. C. S. Barrows, adjutant of the White army, was be held at the Salvation army headmade acting general.

riet L. McCullum, a trained psychologist, said to be one of the greatest Jacobson of the same town will be the women speakers in America, would leaders in charge. There will be vothe mon next Sunday morn- cal and instrumental music. ing on the subject of "Psychology for Permanent Success."

from the local class will journey to Reformation Lutheran church there Bridgeport Friday evening, December will be special services at 10:45 15, to speak to a gathering of 100 o'clock in the morning and at the men in the First Baptist church of same hour at St. Matthew's Lutheran that city. Supper will be served that church. The Christian Science church evening at the Bridgeport church at will have special exercises at 9:30 o'clock. Dr. Cooper is preparing a o'clock in the morning. list of those who intend goin &

ain and how it has helped the com- Thanksgiving sermon and prayer in munity. Rev. John L. Davis has been the church at 10:30 o'clock. invited to accompany the delegation and to be the principal speaker.

Bible class at a corner stone laying of at 7 and 8 o'clock. Bible class at a corner state church, of Postmaster W. F. Church the Summerfield Baptist church, of local postoffice stated this morning Bridgeport, Sunday afternoon. local postoffice stated this morning Letters are being sent out to all that there will be no city delivery of

members of Everyman's Bible class, mail in New Britain tomorrow with by the various armies, asking for a lasm and a determined effort is being registry and general delivery windows made to make the local class the larg- will be open from 9 until 11 o'clock est in the world, instead of the secand largest as it now is

NO HERALD TOMORROW

custom, the Herald will not be published tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day.

CITY PLANS FITTING HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

cation of the story following the Sun- Religious Gatherings, Social Events and Family Reunions Tomorrow.

Tomorrow, Thursday, a day of Brewster. The meeting followed the Thanksgiving and of praise to God supper. President R. B. Skinner pre- for the benevolences and mercies of the past year will be solemnly ob-After considerable discussion on served in the Protestant and Catholic the merits of the published story, the churches of New Britain with special following resolution was adopted and appropriate services, as well as by the usual festive merriments which 'Resolved that the executive com- are found on this day, the closing of mittee of Everyman's Bible Class go stores, factories and banks and the on record as expressing the fullest reuniting of many families to enjoy confidence in its leader, Rev. John L. the annual repast of turkey and all

The First, South and Stanley Me-Dr. J. E. Conger, general of the ing service to be held at the First White army, was placed in charge of Baptist church at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. the reception committee and his chief Raymond N. Gilman, pastor of the of staff, S. M. Brewster, Virgil Palm-Stanley Memorial church, will be the

Special Thanksgiving exercises will quarters on Arch street at 8 o'clock It was announced that Mrs. Har- in the evening. Adjutant Lina Anderson of Naugatuck and Lieut. Linnia

The German Baptist church will Dr. J. E. Conger and a delegation at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. At the ships, except, possibly observed

Thanksgiving and St. Andrew's day The Bridgeport people have asked will be observed at St. Mark's Episcoto have speakers tell how the class pal church with Holy Communion it has helped the churches of New Britthe chapel at 8 o'clock and the

There will be a special Thanksgiv ing mass at 8 o'clock tomorrow morn Dr. Conger has been invited to ing at St. Mary's church, white at St speak on the subject of Everyman's Joseph's church there will be massed

renewal of the old pep and enthus- ters and perishable goods. The stamp,

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12 Children Missing After Fire Which Trapped Them in Building

WITHOUT LICENSE

Partner of Mrs. Muter Again Deprived of Permit to Operate Jitney Bus.

Mrs. Helen Muter, owner of the East End Bus line, called at Mayor ernoon and reported that her partner and master mechanic, Domonic Soccoll, had been deprived of his jitney operator's license.

Soccoli has been twice fined in the local court for violation of motor vehicle laws in connection with the conduct of the bus line. On November 9 the license was suspended and on November 11 it was returned. Since that time, Soccoli has been notified by the commission that his license is again under suspension, Mrs.

first charge she and Soccoli were ar- ground was about 20 feet below.

troops raided the residence of Count saved many of the children in Plunkett and reported the seizure of room below. a quantity of high explosives and An overheated stove is believed

Heroic Teacher, Fatally Burned, Remains in Room On Second Floor, Drop-Window.

Covington, Ga., Nov. 29.-Searching debris of the burned High Point com- ters? known to have cost the lives of at and-stand as sponsors for the weak least three children, burns to 15 and lines which are included in the painful injuries to 35. One teacher solidation scheme? If not, who is to also was burned, probably fatally. "Oh look at the pretty white dust," merging? exclaimed one of the children in a second floor room.

Escape Cut Off.

The Muter bus line and Mrs. Muter from the direction of the door the ed out what the advantage will be in came into prominence during the resingle exit from the room. The teachcent political campaign. P. S. Mccr. Mrs. Oscar Grant, ran to the door
Mahon, democratic candidate for senand opened it but smoke drove her ator, attempted to prove by the in. back. The hallway was in flames and land? for conviction, to a six to six dead- troduction of an affidavit that local the stairs had crumpled, .Inside were attorneys had charged a large fee for 40 children. Mrs. Grant locked the such consolidation scheme would be, obtaining a bus franchise for the door, calmly walked to the window picked desire this coulding. woman. On the day following his and told the children to line up. The By Explorer in Alaska rested for operating busses without drop meant almost certain injury but tion as outlined. New England, by

tic regions, who has arrived here by to go to Hartford and ask the public room. Three children remained in way of Japan. "Oil of a better grade utilities to bring about the return of the line. The flames engulfed them,

An overheated stove is believed to have caused the fire.

Great Britain Refuses to Carry Out Washington Disarmament Terms Unless Other Powers Fulfill Obligations

Claims Even U. S. and Japan Have Not Disposed of Any First Class Fighting Ships.

FRANCE AND ITALY ARE NOT IN TREATY

London, Nov. 29. - (By Associated Press)-Great Britain will scrap no more warships under the Washington disarmament treaty until the other nations have taken action and scrap-ped their quota, according to the as-surance given a questioner in the Monsell, first secretary to the admiral-

Asked who had ratified the treaty, Commander Monsell replied:

France and Italy "The treaty of Washington has been ratified by the United States, Japan and this country, but not yet by France or Italy.

"Eight British capital ships res ed useless for war purposes," he add-ed, "already have been sold to and removed to ship breaking firms for breaking up. Six more have been rendered incapable of war risk service and two more will have been similarly dealt with by the end of next month. "So far as is known have a special Thanksgiving service States and Japan have not disposed of that have been disposed of in ordinary

R. W. POTEET DISCUSSES **GROUPING OF RAILROADS**

Stanley Works Traffic Manager Questions Wisdom of Consolidation

A number of pertinent questions tion of railroads are asked by Potect, traffic manager of the Stanley Works, in a statement to the The consolidation Herald today. project is being considered by the Interstate Commerce Commission uninstructions contained in the Esch-Cummins act. The tentative plan for consolidation was drafted by Professor Ripley of Harvard univer-

in the effect of consolidation on New England transportation lines. Among other things he says: "The first thing to be considered should be the question of adequate transportation. Would consolidation

sity.

Mr. Potcet is particularly interested

result in bettering transportation, and if so to what extent. "Would the consolidation of carriers as outlined in the commission's tentative plan, strengthen the strong ping Youngsters Out of as well as the weak carriers, or would it weaken the strong carriers without materially benefiting the weak?

"Would it be more advantageous and beneficial to have one big mediocre system, rather than at presenta number of strong lines, financially parties continued today to search the and physically, with a few weak sis-

munity schoolhouse for the bodies of tance is, what are the rights of 12 children reported missing after a stockholders? Shall the stockholders fire yesterday afternoon. The fire is of the strong lines be made to suffer stand the shrinkage caused by such

"Some mention has been made and consideration given to consolidation of all lines within New England into one "The dust" was smoke. It came system. No one seems to have point-

> "The only reason I can suggest for such consolidation scheme would be, might desire this coalition.

"Another thing-in such consolidafathering such a suggestion, is placing itself in a position, as far as ratemaking is concerned, as being a territory distinct unto itself. might retain for New England all of its present gateways and connections via standard as well

product out, was concerned.

"As against this, any trunk line consolidation, even if plans could be worked out, would retain for New cool England sall of the gateways, i. c. Dublin, Nov. 29 (By Associated by Mrs. Grant escaped injury. A Press)—Alderman Charles Murphy, funeral procession passing the school one of Eamon DeValera's supporters was halted, and men and women of here, was arrested today. National the party rushed into the building and field, perhaps taking away from ushere, was arrested today. National the party rushed into the building and our northern or Canadian differential our northern or Canadian differential courses. routes, and eventually killing our

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